

BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100-50-20-YEARS AGO

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ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

TROUBLE WITH THE CREEKS.

(Extract of a letter from the Governor of Georgia to the Governor of East Florida, covering an incident in 1815, received from the buccannery Colonel Nicholas, warning the United States citizens from entering the Creek nation under any pretext whatever.)

"It has come to my knowledge within a few days, that a British officer, Col. Nicholas, continues at the British establishment on the river Apalachicola, with the Indians heretofore in hostility against the United States, exercising over them an assumed independence and defying their consent in relation to our people. As full evidence of this fact, I take the liberty to enclose to your excellency a copy of a letter recently received from that officer by Col. Mendenhall, agent of the United States with the Creek Indians. How does it happen, sir, that a British officer is permitted to reside within the territory of Spain as an agent of his Britannic Majesty with the Indians and to exercise such powers in relation to the United States? You understand that he considers them an independent people—that he has made them say, they have declared to be independent by his Britannic Majesty, and he has presented to the treaty of peace, and the citizens of the United States are by a false banner under him, warned from having any intercourse with the Creek nation, although the great body of that nation reside within the limits of the United States."

"This representation is made to you in the confident belief that you will not after this information suffer the territory of Spain within the province under your command to be used for purposes which in your tendency must be most inimical to us."

"We wish for nothing more than to be at peace with the Indians, whether within or without our territory, and if those who have taken refuge in Florida were left to your influence and counsel, we should feel quiet. But we can never rest contented until such British officers (especially of Col. Nicholas's stamp) acting as their superintendents, civil and military."

FIFTY YEARS AGO.

THE PROTECTOR COMPANY.

At a meeting of the Protector Steam Fire Engine Company, No. 2, held last evening, the following officers were elected: Hugh Lawton, Foreman; Peter Ince, Second Assistant; W. Davis, Second Assistant; John S. Bress was elected Foreman of the Hose Company and Isaac E. Egan, Treasurer. As the Company have authorized the immediate building of a new and suitable engine house, there can be little doubt that the Protectors will be ready for fire duty with full ranks in the course of a few weeks. They have, so far, with their hand engine, done excellent service, and are a body of men that any city might well be proud of.

NEW SHARPEY.

T. Riney, who has been some time occupied in building a large Sharpey, on Main street, just below Houston, has finished the boat and will launch it upon the "briny" forthwith. It is a creditable bit of work, of good materials, and well put together.

THE NEW STEAMER.

The new steamer was tested this afternoon, in the Eastern District, near Howe's factory and elsewhere, shortly after 3 o'clock. Of its performance we will speak fully tomorrow. The Mayor, Council, and a number of old firemen were among the lookers-on.

FINE STRAWBERRIES.

We are indebted to Mr. John French for a basket of large strawberries—varying from two and a half to three inches in circumference. They are Howe's Seedlings and the largest we have seen yet this season. John is an "amateur" only in their culture but is rarely beaten by those who make their growth a specialty.

TWENTY YEARS AGO.

FORESTERS HONOR THEIR DEAD

In every city and town throughout the land where Forestry flourishes yesterday was observed as Memorial Sunday, (Sunday, June 9, 1895).

In this city many members visited the various cemeteries. Flowers and plants and other tokens of respect were laid upon the graves. Every court of Forestry sent special committees to the cemeteries with floral wreaths and plants. Court Marina placed potted geraniums at the head of the last resting place of her deceased members. Court Waldemere marked the graves with an iron wreath, so made as to closely resemble flowers. Courts Pembroke and Irwinston used floral wreaths with the name of the dead raised thereon in floral characters.

Court Waldemere, the oldest in the city, has lost more members than any of the others. The deceased members of that court and the cemeteries where their remains are interred are:

At St. Michael's—Thomas J. O'Neil, Michael Nolan, C. A. Mooney, P. C. R. M. J. Boyle, E. C. R. Richard M. Hale, P. Poland, Daniel Fitzgerald, John W. Reilly, Thomas Jefferson, Thomas Finn, James Farrell, and M. E. Fitzpatrick.

At St. Augustine's—William Keyes and P. Curran.

At Park cemetery—Oliver H. Rerig, at Fairfield, Matthew Monaldi; at Manchester, M. J. Mahoney; at Portland, Ct., D. Mulcahy; at Jersey City, John J. Munzing; at Brooklyn, Owen Fagan; in Ireland, Patrick Casey and Thomas Kelly.

COURT MARINA'S DEAD.

At St. Michael's—William McKelvey, Patrick O'Neil, James Egan and James Sullivan.

At St. Augustine's—Andrew McCarthy and Thomas Kelly.

At Brooklyn, John Cushman; at Portchester, Edward Purcell; and at Hartford, John J. Cunningham.

GAVE THEM A SCARE.

Percy Kirk is five years old and lives with his parents at Lexington and Haral avenues. They live on the first floor. Percy was playing at

a window, when he leaned over and fell out, a distance of four feet. When the Emergency people arrived Percy was running about with but a scratched nose and a swollen lip.

PLASTER IN HIS EYE.

Michael Murphy is a plasterer working on the Mason building. A noise on the scaffold overhead attracted his attention. He looked just in time to receive a lump of plaster in his left eye. Pharoah, time Joseph Brennan, of the Emergency hospital, saved the sight by a prompt removal of the burning lime. Mr. Murphy had recovered sufficiently to resume work this afternoon.

THE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES.

The athletic prize cup of the Connecticut High School Athletic association was won by the Hartford High School at Hartford Saturday, the Bridgeport High school securing fourth place. It was a great day for high school athletics and eight records were broken. This is how the schools stand:

Hartford High school—33 1-3 points.

Hillhouse school of Lakeville—23 1-3 points.

Hillhouse High school, of New Haven—22 1-3 points.

Bridgeport High school—12 points.

New Britain High school—6 points.

Collins Street Classical school—3 points.

Bulkeley school, New London—1 point.

Boardman's school, New Haven—1 point.

The meet was well managed by some notable athletes. There was the giant Hickok of Yale the great hammer thrower and football player; there was Cross of Yale, who towers above Hickok and who can throw the hammer nearly from a stand of 170 feet.

E. E. Cady, the great hurdler was there as was also L. P. Sheldon, John C. Long, the professional champion, gave an exhibition and threw the hammer from a stand of 170 feet. Hickok did not remove his coat but he took the hammer and threw it 117 feet and 11 inches.

BRIDGEPORT WINNERS.

The events in which the Bridgeport boys figured prominently are:

One mile run—Buckingham, Bridgeport, first; Chapman, Hartford, second; Barret, New Britain, third; time 5:08 1-5. The record is 4:53 2-6, held by A. H. Hine of Hillhouse High school.

440 yards run—Foster, Bridgeport, first; Lucas, Hartford, second; Bradin, Hartford, third; time 53 1-2 seconds. The record is 51 4-5 seconds, held by G. P. Sanford, of Hillhouse.

120 yards hurdle—Field, Hartford, first; Cady, Hartford, second; Hawley, Bridgeport, third; time 17 4-5 seconds. The record is 17 seconds, held by E. C. Perkins of the Hartford High school.

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JACKSON, FIRST SEA LORD OF BRITISH ADMIRALTY, IS NOTED FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

Called "Cleverest Man in the Navy" and is Expert in Use of Torpedoes—For Many Years Associated With Marconi in Wireless Investigation.

London, June 9.—Admiral Sir Henry Jackson, who has just succeeded Lord Fisher as First Sea Lord of the British Admiralty, has long been known here as "the cleverest man in the navy." He is the only naval officer who has been honored with election as a Fellow of the Royal Society, this high scientific honor falling to him in 1901 for his researches in electrical physics.

Admiral Jackson was one of the earliest experimenters in wireless telegraphy, and was associated for many years with Mr. Marconi. He is a specialist also in naval torpedoes. He has only once in his career commanded a group of ships at sea.

Just past sixty years of age, the new sea lord is younger by fourteen years than his predecessor. He entered the navy in 1865 and was specialized in navigation. But the possibilities of the torpedo, which had only been invented in a very crude form in 1865, exercised a fascination over him, and he soon transferred to that branch of the service.

The only vessel on which he ever served as navigation officer was an old battleship, to which was appointed on the same day a young lieutenant, John Jellicoe, now commander-in-chief of the war staff.

Specializing in torpedoes, Admiral Jackson attained a wide knowledge, both practical and theoretical, of electricity, for the torpedo officer of a modern ship is responsible for the efficiency of the whole of the electrical equipment of the vessel. It was in 1891 that the idea of employing Hertzian waves as a means of communication first suggested itself to him. At that time the navy was seeking for some method by which a torpedo boat could announce its approach to a friendly ship. For four years he continued his experiments in wireless communication. Though the necessities of the service have prevented the full story of his being given to the world, it is known that at the end of that time he had succeeded in sending messages from one end of his ship to the other without wires. About this time, he met Marconi, and the two became fast friends, mutually assisting each other in developing their ideas and schemes.

Sir Henry remained responsible for the progress of wireless telegraphy in the navy until 1906 when he became a rear admiral. During these years his appointments were such as to facilitate the experiments and research work which he pursued and which won him many scientific honors.

He then served for some time as controller of the navy being thus responsible for the material of the navy during the laying of the great submarine battleships Dreadn